

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Support for the amendment to Claim 1 is found in paragraph [0026] at specification page 7. Claim 2 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. The amendment to Claim 4 is supported by paragraph [0026] at specification page 7. New Claim 9 is supported by paragraph [0019] at specification page 4. New Claim 10 is supported by Claim 4, by specification page 4, lines 3-4, and by paragraph [0025] at specification page 7. New Claims 11 and 12 are supported by paragraphs [0012] – [0014]. New Claim 13 is supported by paragraph [0019] at specification page 6. New Claims 14-17 are supported by paragraphs [0020] – [0022] at specification pages 6-7. Finally, new Claims 18-20 are supported by paragraph [0016] at specification page 5. No new matter has been entered.

By the above amendment independent Claim 1 has been limited such that the claimed lubricating oil composition must comprise a boron content of 100 ppm by mass or more. This limitation incorporates the limitation of original Claim 4, and then goes further by requiring a boron content of at least 100 ppm by mass. Thus, the anticipation rejection over Tiffany, which was not applied against original Claim 4, is now moot.

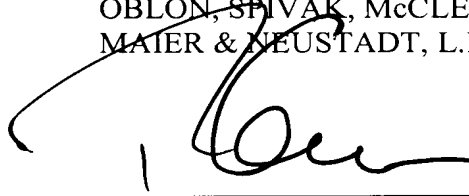
The remaining rejection for anticipation by Morita is traversed.

The boron in Morita is derived from a borated dispersant (E), noted by the Examiner as providing 50 ppm of boron to the composition. However, and as noted by the above amendment, the present claims have been limited to a boron content of at least 100 ppm by mass or more. As described in the examples in the present specification, such lubricating oil compositions provide excellent antiwear properties, including a synergistic improvement in detergency. See, for example, specification page paragraph [0025] at page 7 thereof.

Accordingly, and in view of the above amendment, Applicants respectfully submit that Morita does not anticipate, nor render obvious, the presently pending claims. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and the passage of this case to Issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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